Standards have issued guidelines for disposal of medical waste. Recently, the Ministry of Environment and Forest have invited attention of this Ministry to the guidelines issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards and suggested that these guidelines may be put into practice.

(f) Central Govt. hospitals are already disposing of the toxic medical waste by burning in incinerators and thus the guidelines prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards are being by and large followed. Further, the Directorate General of Health Services has also issued guidelines regarding handling and disposal of dead bodies.

Action by MRTP Commission against Soft Drink Manufacturing Companies for Misleading Advertisements

*369. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MRTP Commission proposes to take any action against M/s. Delhi Bottling Company, Shivaji Marg and M/s. Pearl Drinks (P) Limited, Lawrence Road, New Delhi which are giving misleading advertisements in all the newspapers that Limca and Gold Spot do not contain any BVO;

(b) whether according to the result of analysis it has been revealed that Gold Spot and Limca contain BVO; and

(c) if the reply to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative what action MRTP Commission proposes to take against the said firms for giving misleading advertisement?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) On the basis of certain complaints and information received and the applications filed by the Director General of Investigation & Registration, the M.R.T.P. Commission has issued temporary injuctions restraining the various soft drink manufacturers including Parle Exports Pvt. Ltd. from using BVO in the soft drinks. M/s. Delhi Bottling Co. and Pearl Drinks Pvt. Ltd. are the franchisee bottlers of soft drinks of the Parle group of companies. The Commission has also ordered investigation in to the conduct of the soft drink manufacturers (including the Parle group) regarding use of prohibited BVO in their soft drinks and the investigation would cover issue of misleading advertisements if any, by these parties.

(b) As stated in reply to part (b) of the Unstarred Question No. 724 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 14.5.1989, two samples of Gold Spot and one sample of Limca taken on 17.4.1990 during raids by the Delhi Administration, Delhi, Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration were found containing B.V.O. by the Public Analyst.

(c) The M.R.T.P. Commission is already seized of the matter. It being a quasi-judicial body is empowered to take necessary action in the matter under the provisions of the M.R.T.P. Act, 1969.

Delicensing of the activities of slitting and confectioning of photosensitised materials from jumbo rolls

*370. SHRI BHUBANSEWAR KALITA:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various trade bodies such as Master Printers Association, Film Federation of India, Radiologists Association of India, All India Federation of Photographic Traders' Association, etc. have asked for the delicensing of the activities of slitting and confectioning of photosensitised materials from jumbo rolls; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Representations have been received from time to time from various bodies for delicensing the activity of slitting/

confectioning of jumbo rolls of photosensitized materials. There is no move to delicense this activity.

Research on Ayurvedic treatise in Sanskrit for Development of Ayurvedic medicines to treat incurable diseases

*371. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any research project on old Sanskrit treatise of Ayurveda to find cure for cancer, heart ailments and other incurable diseases;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) in what manner Government would explore the possibility of conducting such researches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, an autonomous body under the Ministry have collected references from medical and allied Sanskrit literature on about 20 diseases, including cancer and heart diseases. The data collected is screened and tried clinically wherever feasible and practicable.

Bed strength of Safdarjung and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospitals

*372. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total bed strength of Safdarjung and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospitals in Delhi at present and what is the actual requirement estimated on the basis of patients admitted during the last six months in each of these hospitals;

(b) what was their bed strength during the years 1970 and 1980, separately; and

(c) whether any fresh review has been made in this regard; if so, how Government propose to meet the shortage if any of bed strength in these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The bed strength and the number of patients admitted during last six months in Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital are as under:—

	Bed Strength	Number of patients admitted during last six months
Safdarjung Hospital	1357 and 174 bassinets	32,075
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital	800	17,496

The bed strength of both Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital is inadequate in relation to demand as reflected in number of patients admitted.

(b) The bed strength of Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during 1970 and 1980 were as under:—

	1970	1980
Safdarjung Hospital	1207	1207
Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital	679	800

(c) The Government have reviewed the problems arising from over-crowding and congestion in Central Govt. Hospitals and have initiated several measures. These include:—

(i) Establishment of hospitals in Peripheral areas.